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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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### OHIO CROP WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 55.6 degrees, 2.5 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, April 24, 2005. Precipitation averaged 2.05 inches, 1.28 inches above normal. Modified growing degree days were 55, one point below normal.

Reporters rated 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, April 22, 2005. Days suitable for field work is down 0.3 days from last week but, 2.8 days above the 2000-2004 five year average. Topsoil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 11 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus.

#### Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2005	5.4	5.7	14.6
2004	2.7	2.8	7.7
2000-2004 Average	2.6	1.9	9.4

#### Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	2	11	70	17
Last Week	0	5	84	11
Same Week Last Year	0	2	53	45
2000-2004 Average	0	2	63	35

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 24

Operators have taken advantage of the warm and dry field conditions to plant corn and soybeans. All regions are well into planting. Some operators in the Northwest have reported completed corn planting operations. Operators in the Southeast have started planting sweet corn and tomatoes.

Other field activities, besides planting, for this week were tilling, spreading fertilizer and lime. Heavy rainfall Friday afternoon through Sunday halted planting operations. Some areas in the Northeast regions of the state received eight inches of snowfall on Sunday morning.

As of Sunday April 24 evening, 54 percent of the State's corn acreage has been planted compared to 26 percent last year and 10 percent for the five-year average. Soybean producers have 15 percent of their crop planted. This is two times more than last year at this time and five times the five year average. Eighty-one percent of the State's intended oat acreage was planted compared to 49 percent last year and 54 percent for the five-year average. Oats emerged are at 20 percent, compared to 9 percent for last year and 25 percent for the 5 year average. Winter wheat jointed is 45 percent compared to 21 percent last year and 44 percent for the five-year average. Eighty-nine percent of Ohio's apple trees are at the green-tip stage, slightly above 2004 percentage and the five year average, both at 84 percent. Apples in full bloom are 23 percent, above last year at 22 percent, but below the five year average of 33 percent. Eighty-five percent of the peach trees are at the green tip stage compared to 82 percent in 2004 and 84 percent for the five-year average. Peaches in full bloom are at 30 percent, compared to 33 percent last year and 50 percent for the 2000-2004 average. The potato crop is 26 percent planted for the current week, up from 7 percent in 2004.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Winter wheat acreage continued to green up last week as temperatures rose. Ninety-six percent of the winter wheat acreage is rated in fair-to-excellent condition. Hay and pasture land are greening up rapidly with sunny and warmer weather, , 95 percent of fields are in fair-to-good condition. Ninety-seven percent of the apple crop and 87 percent of the peach crop is rated as fair to excellent condition. Livestock conditions are 84 percent good to excellent.

### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 24

Crop	2005	2004	2000-2004 Avg	Previous Week Ohio	U.S.
Apples in green tip and beyond	89	84	84	63	NA
Apples blooming	23	22	33	3	NA
Corn planted	54	26	10	9	14
Oats planted	81	49	54	48	55
Oats emerged	20	9	25	3	NA
Peaches in green tip and beyond	85	82	84	64	NA
Peaches blooming	30	33	50	12	NA
Potatoes Planted	54	24	19	26	NA
Soybeans Planted	15	7	3	NA	NA
Winter Wheat Jointed	45	37	44	21	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 24

APPLES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	2	18	60	19
Previous Week	1	1	20	66	12
Previous Year	0	1	19	60	20
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	4	24	56	15
Previous Week	1	4	28	57	10
Previous Year	1	3	24	59	13
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	2	14	61	23
Previous Week	1	2	15	66	16
Previous Year	0	2	16	67	15
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	7	27	48	17
Previous Week	2	7	27	54	10
Previous Year	0	5	24	57	14
PEACHES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	9	4	21	51	15
Previous Week	9	3	19	57	12
Previous Year	0	1	19	60	20
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	3	16	56	24
Previous Week	1	4	19	55	21
Previous Year	1	4	21	55	19

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 24

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	54.2	2.2	1.65	0.79	2.22	-0.58	52	2	190	68
North Central	53.7	2.2	2.46	1.64	3.95	1.14	48	0	176	59
Northeast	51.2	0.7	1.80	1.09	3.71	0.83	41	-5	157	42
West Central	56.2	3.1	2.43	1.59	3.47	0.47	59	4	208	68
Central	56.9	3.4	2.41	1.67	3.79	0.88	59	1	223	71
Central Hills	54.3	2.5	2.29	1.53	3.71	0.76	49	-2	187	55
Northeast Hills	53.0	0.7	1.84	1.18	3.37	0.57	47	-8	178	37
Southwest	57.3	2.4	2.10	1.20	3.37	0.16	61	-2	229	64
South Central	59.3	3.9	1.70	0.96	3.45	0.82	66	-2	245	55
Southeast	57.2	3.4	1.95	1.29	3.62	0.88	59	-2	225	58
STATE	55.6	2.5	2.05	1.28	3.44	0.56	55	-1	205	59

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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